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News Release

HAMMER SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER

RICHLAND, Wash. – March 30 – On behalf of the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center, U.S. Department of Energy Manager for the Richland Operations Office Keith Klein will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Director Connie Patrick during the 27th HAMMER Steering Committee meeting to be held March 30 at the AFL-CIO Building in Washington, DC.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us," said HAMMER/Hanford Training Director Karen McGinnis. "FLETC is one of the best training centers in the United States. The MOA will bring much-needed law-enforcement training to federal agencies and state and local governments throughout the northwest."

The MOA means transportation security and counterterrorism courses will soon be offered at the "ready-to-use" HAMMER Training Center. It also means the highly sought after Firearms Instructor Refresher Training Program will be available for the first time at a DOE facility for members of the Hanford Patrol. The new training programs at HAMMER will accommodate the government's demand for more advanced-level courses.

"This agreement has been a good three years in the making," said U.S. Department of Energy Pacific Northwest Site Office Senior Program Advisor Jim Spracklen. "And it comes as the result of a lot of exploration. But the bottom line is both HAMMER and FLETC are focused on the same things – safe, high-quality, hands-on, and performance-based training."

It is important to note that the FLETC activities (like other non-Hanford-cleanup activities) will be accomplished on a full-cost-recovery and non-interference basis. In other words, no Hanford cleanup funds will be expended in the effort. In fact, FLETC's use of HAMMER's excess capacity will generate new funding to offset the cost of HAMMER base operations.

The 80-acre HAMMER facility is operated by Fluor Hanford for the U.S. Department of Energy. Its mission is to train Hanford Site environmental cleanup workers, as well as those associated with our nation's emergency response community. The HAMMER blended-learning approach features "as real as it gets," hands-on training at life-sized props in realistic settings. HAMMER stands for Hazardous Materials Management and Emergency Response. The training center was named for community leader and founder Sam Volpentest, who guided HAMMER until he passed away in 2005 at the age of 101.

The 50-member HAMMER Steering Committee comprises a group of nationally and internationally recognized leaders who give their time and experience to HAMMER management in an interactive setting where everyone shares a common commitment – reducing health and safety risks to workers, emergency responders, and the public. Committee insight and recommendations strongly influence HAMMER's policies, strategies, and direction.

FLETC is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Center serves as an interagency law-enforcement training organization for 82 federal agencies. Providing both basic and advanced law-enforcement training to nearly 50,000 officers a year, FLETC also provides services and training assistance to state, local, and international law-enforcement agencies. Headquartered at Glynco, Georgia, FLETC operates two other residential training sites—one in Artesia, New Mexico, and the other, in Charleston, South Carolina—as well as an in-service, re-qualification training facility in Cheltenham, Maryland. The Training Center became a member of the HAMMER Steering Committee in the spring of 2006.

A prime contractor to the Department of Energy since 1996, Fluor Hanford has approximately 3,600 employees and manages several major activities at the Hanford Site, including dismantling former

nuclear processing facilities, cleaning up the site's contaminated groundwater, retrieving and processing transuranic waste for off-site shipment, maintaining the site's infrastructure, and operating the Volpentest HAMMER Training & Education Center.

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